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NO ROOM POSITION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tickets for East and North East bound trainsoriginating from Delhi/New Delhi are not available even in the waiting list one-two days prior to departure of the concerned trains;

(b) if so, whether it is very cumbersome to obtain a ticket in `No room` position in case of non- availability of ticket in the waiting list; (c) whether the Government propose to simplify the existing rules for issuing a ticket in the waiting list in case of `No room` position and to increase the number or East and North East bound trains originating from Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): The Advance Reservation Period in long distance Mail/Express train is 60 days. Confirmed/Waiting list tickets in all trains including East and North East bound trains originating from Delhi/New Delhi are normally available even up tothe day of departure of the train except during peak rush period like summer vacation, Pooja holidays, Christmas and festival etc.

(b): Waiting list limits have been kept at sufficiently high level to keep passengers on waiting list. Once the prescribed waiting list limit is reached, the computer stops issuing waiting list ticket and displays `No Room`. After ` No Room` issuing of ticket is not going to serve any purpose as the chances of getting this ticket confirmed will be almost nil. However, in exceptional cases waiting list limit is extended after `No Room` position with the specific approval of the competent authority in this regard.

(c) & (d) : The existing Waiting list limits are liberal and allow booking on Waiting list to a sufficiently large number. However, it is not feasible to keep unlimited number of persons on waiting list. As regards increasing the number of trains, the details are as under:

The following trains will be introduced to East and North East directions from Delhi during 2001-2002 as announced in the Railway Budget:

1. Weekly Rajdhani Express between New Delhi & Ranchi/Hatia via Gaya;

2. Bi-weekly express between New Delhi and Gorakhpur;

3. Increase in frequency of New Delhi-Sealdah Rajdhani express from 2 days to 4 days a week; and

4. Extension of New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Bi-weekly Express upto Dibrugarh Town on one day.

In addition, the following Specials are also being run to clear the extra Summer rush :

1. Weekly Express between New Delhi & Guwahati from 14.04.2001 to 12.06.2001

2. Bi-weekly Express between New Delhi & Barauni from 10.04.2001 to 04.07.2001; and

3. Daily Express between New Delhi & Howrah from 29.4.2001 to 17.6.2001.